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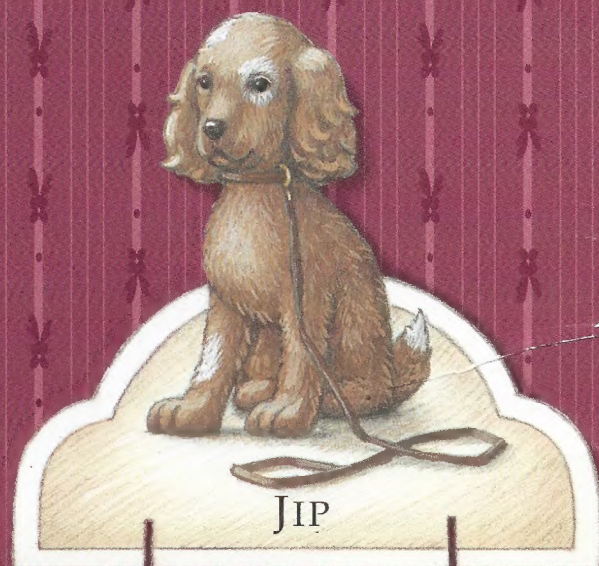
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THE  
AMERICAN  
GIRLS

# PAPER DOLLS

*Samantha Parkington and  
Her Old-Fashioned Outfits  
for You to Cut Out*



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# SAMANTHA PARKINGTON

Samantha Parkington was an orphan who lived with her wealthy grandmother in 1904. In Samantha's time, colorful paper dolls were printed in Sunday newspapers and were packaged inside containers of coffee and cereal.

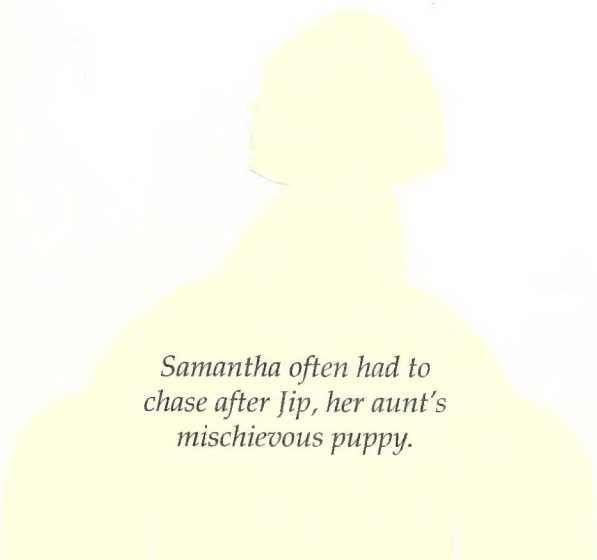
Your Samantha paper doll comes with beautiful outfits and accessories for you to cut out. You'll also be able to make a miniature book and an envelope you can use to keep Samantha's accessories.

The outfits in this package show clothes that Samantha would have worn in 1904. Play with her today and see how some things have changed for American girls—and how others have stayed just the same.





*Samantha Parkington was  
a proper young lady who  
lived with her wealthy  
grandmother.*



*Samantha often had to  
chase after Jip, her aunt's  
mischievous puppy.*





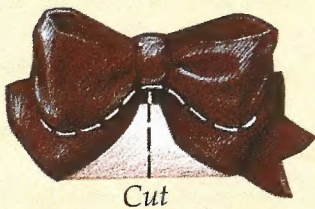
MEET SAMANTHA

## NEWFANGLED IDEAS

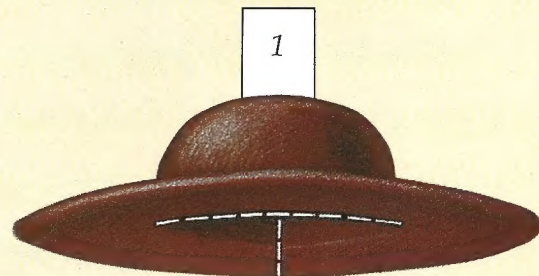
A wealthy turn-of-the-century girl like Samantha looked prim and proper in her *Afternoon Tea Dress* (outfit 1). Sometimes she and her grandmother put on their hats and went calling at teatime. At home, they did fancy sewing.

One day during her sewing hour with Grandmary, Samantha heard loud explosions coming from the street. It was Uncle Gard in his new automobile! Samantha loved to ride in it as it jerked and sputtered along, but Grandmary thought it was a horrible invention. She wasn't fond of newfangled ideas.

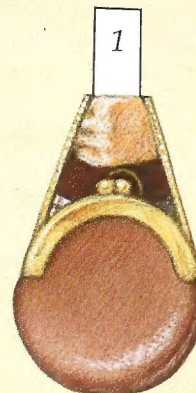
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## MEET SAMANTHA

In Samantha's time, people like Grandmary believed that it was not proper for young ladies to work for money. They thought that girls like Samantha should learn to run an elegant household and that men should earn money for the family.

But some women had "modern" ideas. They didn't want to depend on men for everything. They wanted to work and earn their own money. And they wanted to be able to vote. In 1904, only four states allowed women to vote. Women who wanted the right to vote were called *suffragists*. At first, they held small, quiet parlor meetings to discuss their ideas. But later, women organized public meetings, marches, and parades.



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*Hairbow*

### *Afternoon Tea Dress*

*A young lady always wore a hat when she went calling. Cut slits so Samantha's will fit properly.*

*Stylish pleats and puffy sleeves were in fashion at the turn of the century, so Samantha's dresses used lots of fabric.*

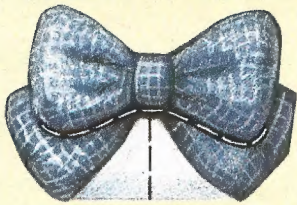
*Cut a slit above Samantha's left hand for her purse or sampler.*

*Samantha's  
Hat*

*Samantha's  
Sampler*

*Purse*





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MEET SAMANTHA

## THE ROLE OF SERVANTS

Grandmary expected Samantha to behave properly. But she knew that young ladies can't be grown-up all the time. She encouraged Samantha to play—wearing a *Play Pinafore* over her *Afternoon Dress* (outfit 2), of course.

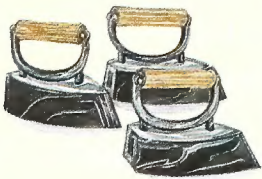
When Samantha tore her stocking while playing outside, she knew Grandmary would be very displeased! She hurried to find Jessie, the seamstress for the household. Soon Samantha looked as good as new. Thanks to Jessie, not even Grandmary could tell that Samantha had been into mischief.

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One day while Samantha played outside, she met Nellie, a servant girl who worked next door. Nellie couldn't play with Samantha, though. She had to work to earn money for her family. In Samantha's time, poor children sometimes worked for wealthy families. They worked long hours for little pay, washing laundry, ironing, and doing other chores. These jobs weren't easy—servants didn't have electric washing machines or dryers, and they had to iron



all the frilly dresses and fancy tablecloths with heavy irons they heated on hot stoves. Without the hard work

of servants, the elegant life of people like Samantha and Grandmary would not have been possible.

### Afternoon Dress

*A dress that was proper enough for the parlor was also fine for play if Samantha covered it with a play pinafore.*

*Many girls wore black stockings every day. Black stockings didn't have to be laundered as often as white stockings.*

*Sometimes wealthy girls like Samantha, who had servants to do their laundry, wore white stockings even for play.*

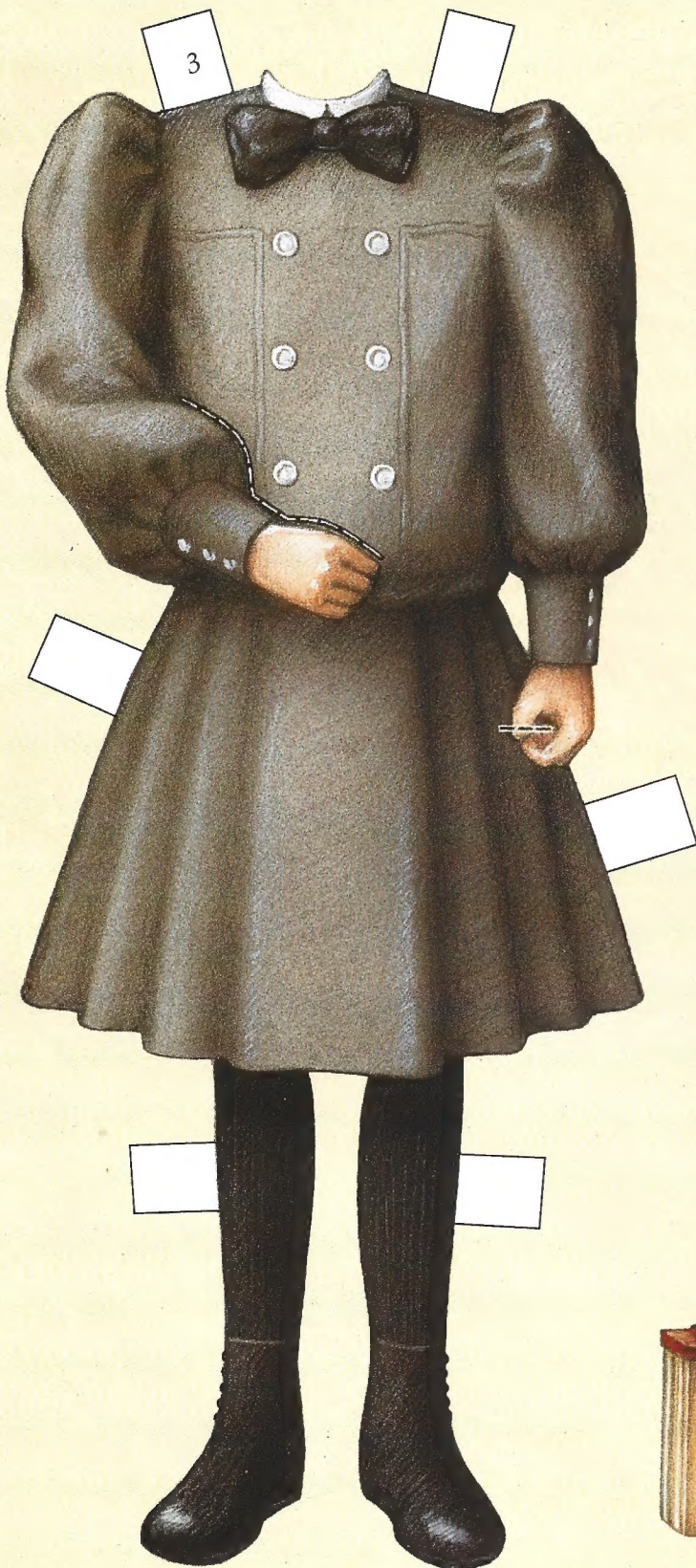
*Cut a slit above Samantha's hands so she can hold her gingerbread cookie.*

**Play Pinafore**  
*Cut a slit above the pocket and slip Samantha's gingerbread cookie inside.*





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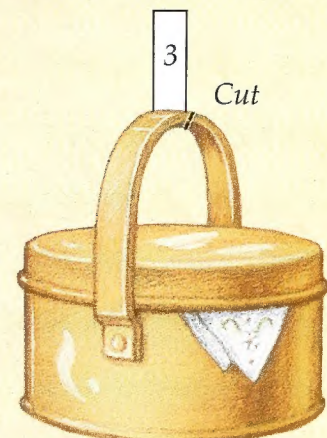
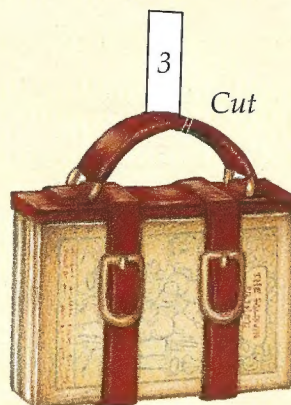
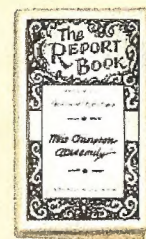


SAMANTHA LEARNS A LESSON

## GOING TO SCHOOL

Samantha looked forward to going back to school in her *Flannel School Dress* (outfit 3). She was a star student at Miss Crampton's Academy. But Samantha's friend Nellie had never been to school before this year. She was having a terrible time in public school—the other children teased her because she was only in the second grade. Samantha started Mount Better School in the tower room at Grandmary's house so she could help Nellie learn what she needed to move up into third grade.

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Wealthy girls like Samantha attended school at private *academies*. An academy didn't look much like a school, though. It looked like a house, because that's what it was—a house with rooms set aside as classrooms. At some academies, learning to be ladylike was as important as learning to read and write. Samantha even got a grade for *deportment*, or proper behavior, in her report book!

Children also studied spelling, history, geography, and penmanship. Even lunch was a lesson—young ladies had to practice their best table manners. And students often wrote essays, or *compositions*, on topics like "Progress in America." They often recited their compositions in front of the class.



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Hairbow

### Flannel School Dress

Samantha's school dress was based on the outfit worn by Buster Brown, a popular turn-of-the-century cartoon character. His high white collar and bow tie were copied on girls' and boys' clothing.

Cut a slit above Samantha's right hand for her report book or her composition book. Her left hand can hold her lunchbox or her book strap. Samantha fastened the leather straps around her books so she could carry them to and from school.

3  
Report  
Book

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Samantha's  
Composition  
Book

Samantha's  
Lunchbox

Samantha's  
Book  
Strap



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SAMANTHA LEARNS A LESSON

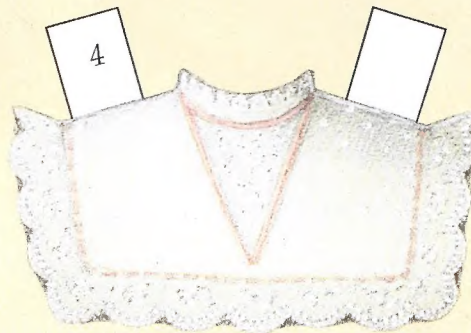
## PROGRESS

Samantha liked teaching Nellie much more than she liked going to fancy tea parties in her *Frisly White Frock* (outfit 4). Soon she realized why—Nellie had something to teach her, too.

Samantha thought factories meant progress, but Nellie knew what it was like to work in a factory. She had to keep her hair short so a machine wouldn't catch it and pull it right out. And dust from the machines got trapped in her lungs. After Samantha heard that, she changed her mind about the meaning of progress.

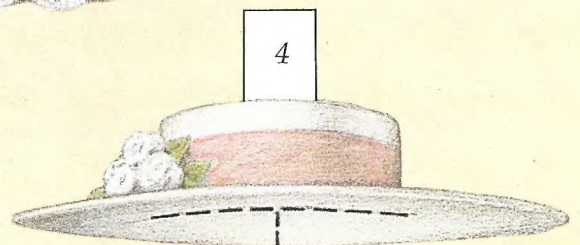
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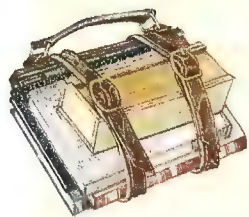


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## SAMANTHA LEARNS A LESSON



In 1904, American children in most states were supposed to go to school until they were 16 years old.

Most children went to free public schools, where they learned the same subjects that girls like Samantha did in her private academy. Each public school class had about 20 or 30 students.

But some children from poor neighborhoods worked instead of going to school. Even though there were laws that said children should not work, some children had to disobey them so they could earn money for their families. Children sometimes worked during the day and went to school at night, but often they were so tired that they fell asleep at their desks.

### *Frisly White Frock*

*Rows of ruffles made this frock the perfect thing to wear to a fancy tea. Samantha could dress it up even more with a lacy bib collar.*

*A young lady never forgot her hat!*

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*Hairbow*

*Samantha's Lacy Collar*

*Flower-  
trimmed  
Hat*

4

*Tea  
Set*

A

*Put tab A into tab B to stand.*

B





Cut



SAMANTHA'S SURPRISE

## CORNELIA DAY

Samantha was ready for Christmas. She had made decorations and had even drawn plans for a gingerbread house. And her new *Cranberry Party Dress* (outfit 5) was perfect to wear to her friend Ida Dean's Christmas party.

But then everyone started making a fuss because Cornelia, Uncle Gard's friend, was coming for Christmas. Grand-mary wanted finer food and fancier, store-bought decorations. And worst of all, she told Samantha she would have to miss Ida's party. Christmas day was turning into Cornelia day!







In Samantha's time, wealthy Americans made their Christmas celebrations as grand and glorious as possible. They were fascinated by British royalty, and many of their Christmas traditions were started by England's Queen Victoria and her family. Just like the royal family, rich Americans sent fancy cards, trimmed elaborate trees, and feasted on roast goose and plum pudding. Servants cooked for days to prepare all the food.

Most turn-of-the-century children didn't spend money on Christmas gifts. Instead, they spent hours making the presents they gave. They also made holiday decorations, such as paper chains, strings of popcorn and cranberries, and simple ornaments.

### ***Cranberry Party Dress***

*Samantha's Christmas dress was a French fashion. It had a full **blouson** (bloo zahn') top. **Blouson** comes from a French word meaning "shirt." The removable collar of delicate organdy was so wide that its ruffles spilled over the shoulders.*

*Cut slits around Samantha's hands so she can hold her lacy paper snowflake.*

### ***Samantha's Ruffled Collar***

### ***5 Paper Snowflake***

### ***5 Samantha's Gingerbread House***

*Fold tabs to stand.*





SAMANTHA'S SURPRISE

## EXCHANGING GIFTS

Samantha thought Cornelia would ruin Christmas, but instead she made it even better. Cornelia convinced Grandmary to let Samantha go sledding. She even helped make the gingerbread house Samantha had planned.

On Christmas morning, Samantha wore her *Nightie* (outfit 6) as she opened gifts. Cornelia surprised Samantha by giving her the beautiful nutcracker doll Samantha had been hoping for. But Uncle Gard had the biggest surprise of all—he gave Cornelia an engagement ring!





Not everyone could relax and enjoy the holidays. Servants had to work extra hard to prepare their employers' homes for the festivities. They worked on Christmas Day, too, attending to guests and serving an enormous feast with many courses. Some wealthy turn-of-the-century families followed the English tradition of giving their servants a day off after Christmas.



December 26 was called Boxing Day, because that's when the servants received their Christmas gifts, or boxes.

This was also the day that rich families shared their wealth with people who had much less than they did. They often brought gifts of food and clothing to orphanages and hospitals.

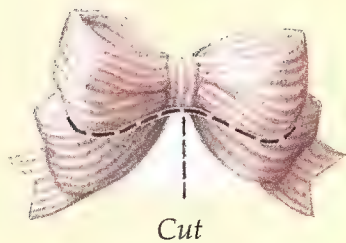
*Samantha's Nightie*

*Even Samantha's nightie was trimmed with ribbon, ruffles, and lace. It had ruffles that spilled over onto her shoulders, just as her Christmas dress did.*

*Underneath it, Samantha wore matching underpants called bloomers.*

*Cut slits around Samantha's hands so she can hold her Christmas doll or her music box.*





HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAMANTHA!

## PARTY PLANS

Samantha was going to be ten at last! She was also learning to be a perfect hostess, so she was allowed to choose her birthday party menu herself.

Samantha's taffeta *Peppermint Dress* (outfit 7) matched the peppermint ice cream and pink lemonade she planned to serve at her birthday party. Agnes and Agatha, Aunt Cornelia's twin sisters from New York City, were full of new ideas for the party. Agnes suggested shaping the ice cream in little molds, just as the fancy ice cream parlors in New York City did.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAMANTHA!

In 1904, children's birthday parties were not just for children. Adults often planned everything, and sometimes they came as party guests. Girls like Samantha felt very grown-up if they were allowed to choose the menu and make the guest list for their own birthday parties.

Wealthy turn-of-the-century girls were allowed to run and jump and play outdoors. But they usually played ladylike games at birthday parties, which were held in elegant parlors or outdoor gardens. Sometimes they played with dolls or stuffed toys while adults made conversation. Adults and children played parlor games like charades together.



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*Hairbow*

### ***Peppermint Dress***

*Samantha's striped dress was birthday-party perfection.*

*It had fashionable  
balloon sleeves and  
was made of  
crisp taffeta  
that rustled  
when she walked.*

*Samantha's favorite  
birthday present was a  
teddy bear named after  
"Teddy" Roosevelt, the  
President of the United States  
in 1904.*

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*Samantha's Present*

*Fold tabs to stand.*



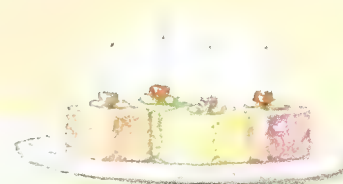


HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAMANTHA!

## THE BEST ICE CREAM

On her birthday, Samantha wore a rosebud circlet on her head and a lacy *Party Pinafore* over her birthday dress. Samantha's party was very ladylike until Jip, Aunt Cornelia's puppy, ran away with Samantha's new teddy bear. After the chase, Samantha thought the trouble was over. But when her guests tasted the ice cream, it was awful! Pesty Eddie Ryland, the boy next door, had salted it. Samantha thought her birthday was ruined until the twins invited her to New York City for the best ice cream in town.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAMANTHA!

In 1904, ice cream parlors had no electric freezers, so the ice cream was kept in deep compartments packed with ice. Some fancy ice cream parlors were lit by elegant lamps with umbrella-shaped glass lampshades. The counter was the center of attention, though. Even in smaller ice cream parlors, the counter was usually topped with the finest marble the owner could afford.



Ice cream parlors also sold flavored soda water. The grandest soda fountains were decorated with mirrors, statues, and marble columns, and might have as many as 100 different flavor faucets. Customers could choose among soda flavors like pineapple, chocolate, almond, and even sarsaparilla!

16

7  
Present

7-Rosebud Circlet

### Party Pinafore

Samantha served tiny cakes, called **petit fours**, and pink lemonade at her party. She chose white lace fans as party favors. Cut a slit above her hands so she can hold one herself. Or give her a nosegay of roses or a present.

7  
Petit  
Fours

Fold tabs to stand.

7  
Samantha's  
Lace Fan

7  
Samantha's  
Lemonade  
Pitcher and Glasses

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Nosegay

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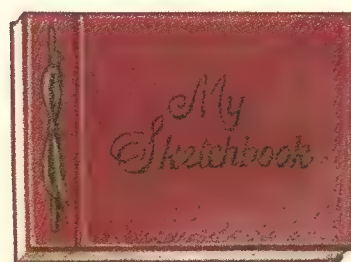


SAMANTHA SAVES THE DAY

## PINEY POINT

Admiral Beemis was often a guest at Piney Point, Grandmary's summer home on Goose Lake. He gave Samantha a real bo's'n's whistle to wear with her *Middy Dress* (outfit 8). The whistle came in handy when a storm left Samantha, Agnes, and Agatha stranded on Tear-drop Island. Their canoe had blown away from shore, so Samantha blew her whistle for help. The Admiral heard it and came to rescue them, but once he got to the island he slipped and hit his head on a rock. It was up to the girls to get him to safety!

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At the turn of the century, wealthy Americans left crowded cities to enjoy long, lazy summer vacations in the wilderness. They often stayed at fancy summer homes called *camps*. These camps looked rough, or *rustic*, but they were very comfortable. Girls like Samantha often caught butterflies or pressed wildflowers, so that at the end of summer they could take their outdoor memories home with them.



But some people saved more than just memories of the outdoors. They knew America's wilderness was disappearing. These Americans worked hard to preserve our national forests and to save animals like buffaloes that were in danger of becoming extinct in 1904.

*Samantha's  
Sailor Tam*

### **Middy Dress**

*Even on vacation, Samantha wore proper clothing. And what could be more proper for boating on mountain lakes than a middy dress, a sailor tam, and a bo's'n's whistle?*

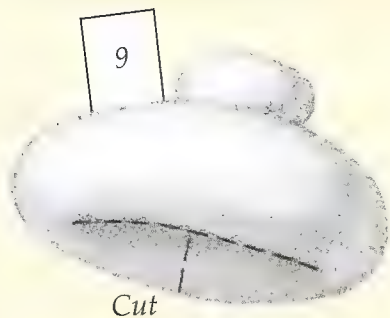
*Cut around Samantha's left hand so she can hold her butterfly net or her bouquet of wildflowers. Cut around her right hand so she can hold her sketchbook.*

*Samantha's  
Butterfly Net*

*Wild-  
flowers*

*Samantha's  
Sketchbook*





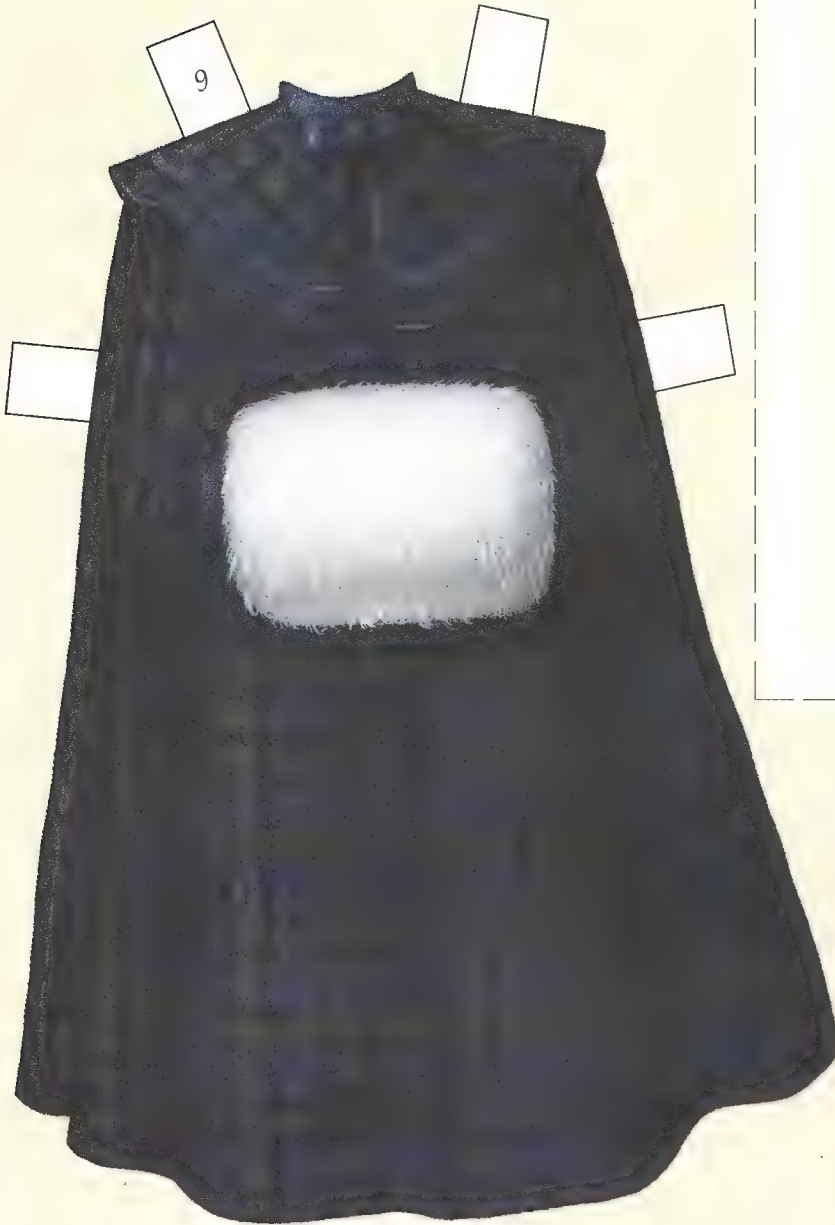
CHANGES FOR SAMANTHA

## A NEW LIFE

When Grandmary married Admiral Beemis, they decided to sail around the world on a yacht. Samantha started a new life in New York City, where she went to live with Uncle Gard and Aunt Cornelia. She wore her *Elegant Plaid Cape* (outfit 9) with her fur tam and muff whenever they went out together in the wintertime.

Since proper young ladies didn't wear pants, Samantha wore plaid gaiters over her boots to keep her legs warm. She kept them on when she went skating in New York's Central Park, too.

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By the time a girl like Samantha had a home of her own, there were plenty of “modern” inventions

like refrigerators and electric washing machines to make housework easier. Samantha needed those machines because the people who had once worked as her servants were finding better jobs.

More women worked outside the home, too. Some women became social workers. They helped people who lived in city slums and made sure that poor children went to school instead of working. But whether they worked inside or outside the home, most women led active lives. They refused to be limited by old-fashioned ideas.

*Samantha's  
Fur Tam*

***Elegant Plaid Cape***

*The Black Watch plaid of Samantha's cape was a very popular pattern in 1904. The fine wool fabric was imported from Scotland.*

*Samantha's fur tam matched her muff. Her stylish boots were not very practical for tramping through the snow, but they were perfect for ice skating.*

*Samantha's  
Boots and Gaiters*

*Samantha's  
Silver Skates*





# SAMANTHA

## AN AMERICAN GIRL

Samantha Parkington grew up when America was popping with newfangled notions and fantastic inventions like airplanes and electric lights. She lived with her wealthy grandmother.

Read about Samantha and act out her adventures to find out what her proper, elegant life was like at the beginning of the twentieth century.



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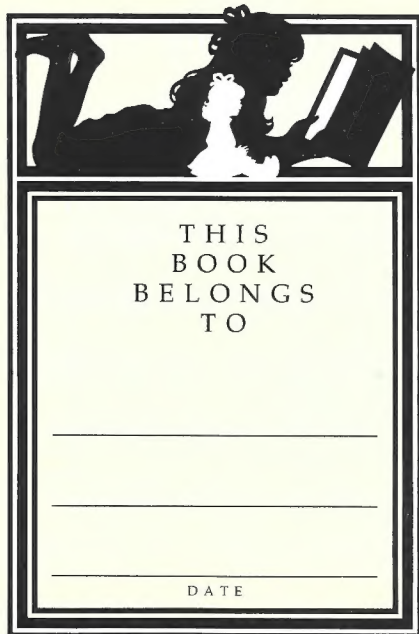
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# ACCESSORY ENVELOPE

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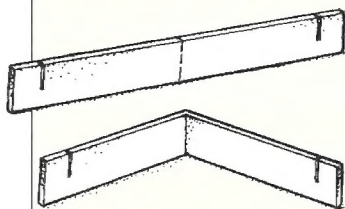




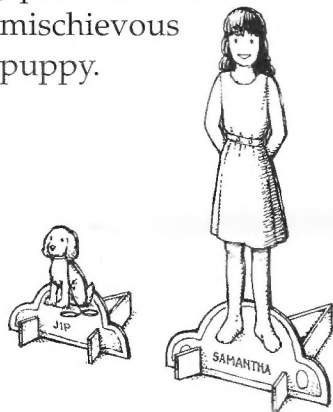
# DIRECTIONS

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### How to Make Paper Doll and Pet Stands

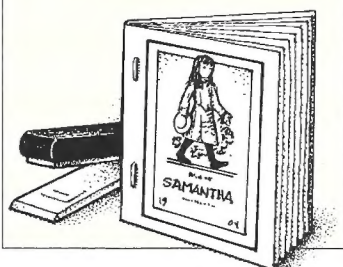


Punch out the stand for your Samantha paper doll and fold it in the middle. Stand the doll upright by inserting it in the small cuts in the stand. Repeat these steps for Jip, Aunt Cornelia's mischievous puppy.



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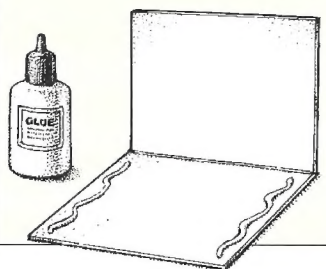
### How to Make the Miniature Book



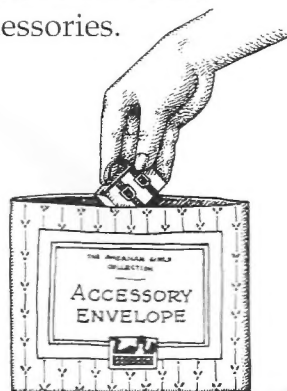
Carefully cut out the story box on each page and put the boxes in order. Then cut out the small cover called *Samantha: An American Girl*. This is your book cover. Fold the cover in the middle, and then put all the pages inside, making sure all the pages are even. Close the book cover. Staple through the left edge of the front cover, as shown in the illustration above.

## 3

### How to Make the Accessory Envelope

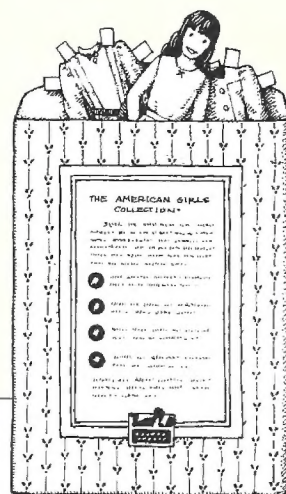


Cut out the accessory envelope, fold it, and glue or tape the marked edges together. Use the envelope you have made to store Samantha's small accessories.



## 4

### How to Use the Storage Envelope



Save the large envelope your Samantha paper doll came in. You can use it to store Samantha and all her outfits and accessories.



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# PAPER DOLLS

In the early 1700s, paper dolls called *pantins*, which danced when the strings in their backs were pulled, amused the kings and queens of France. In England, these dolls were called *jumping jacks*. The English brought them to America in the mid-1700s. These dolls developed into the paper dolls American girls play with today.

*The American Girls Paper Dolls* tell the stories of four girls who lived long ago:



Felicity, a spunky, spritely colonial girl, full of energy and independence,



Kirsten, a pioneer girl of strength and spirit who settles on the frontier,



Samantha, a bright Victorian beauty, an orphan raised by her wealthy grandmother,



Molly, who schemes and dreams on the home front during World War Two.

You'll see that some things in their worlds are very different from yours. But others—like friendships and feelings—haven't changed at all. These are the things that American girls will always share. They will come alive for you with *The American Girls Paper Dolls*.

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